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121 Family Times

121 Signal Battalion Task Force Lightning

...Note from the Editor...

In this issue, you will find a questionnaire regarding your perception of the job the Rear Detachment is doing. This is a chance to have your voice heard so that we can improve upon those things with which we need too. Please offer constructive criticisms, and provide possible solutions as well. You can drop the questionnaires off at the Staff Duty desk at the Battalion.

Silent Patriot

A woman for all seasons
A woman for today.
She grows to meet the challenges
And grows along the way.

Her life is not an easy one
With many loads to bear.
But she proudly serves her husband
And the uniform he wears.

Although she didn't take the oath
To preserve democracy
She's there each day on the home front
To keep our country free.

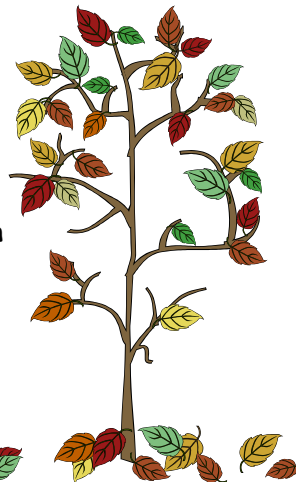
She's foreign-born or a country girl,
Diversity you will find.
But to be an Army wife
It takes a special kind.

She's one who keeps on going
Through adversity and pain.
She's the steady, strong foundation
When nothing stays the same.

She's the one who sheds a tear
As Old Glory passes by,
But couldn't give an answer
If you were to ask her why.

Throughout the years, she marches on
Through tears and joy and strife.
She's America's unsung hero,
She's a military wife.

---Author Unknown
(Courtesy of Renee Sylvester
at reneesgraphics.freesevers.com)



If you aren't part of the FRG, look at what you're missing...

The Keukenhof in Holland



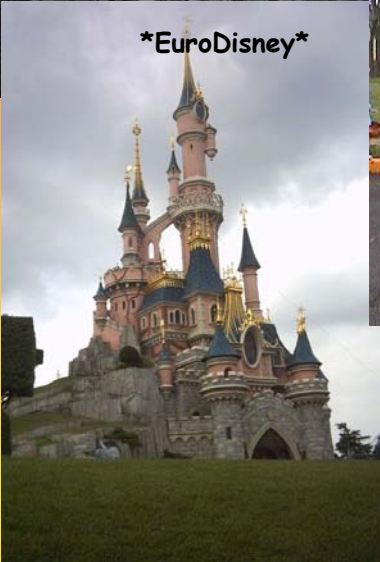
Mini-Boot Camp



Bowling Night



EuroDisney



Easter Event



1/2 Way Bash



Contact your FRG Leader today to find out how you can become part of the team.



**Walk to Iraq
(and Back)
Standings**

1. C Co.: 2555.9
2. A Co.: 1969.4
3. HHC: 652.92
4. B Co.: 413

Welcome the newest members of the 121 family....

SFC Palmer & Maggie Walker
a baby girl, Taylor Rae
on 23 SEP 04

SGT Matthew & Sharon Andreas
a baby girl, Cadence Michelle
on 24 SEP 04

MAJs Michael & Suzanne Self
a baby girl, Emily Grace
on 30 SEP 04





Thanks to Bruce Withers of the VFW for including 121 in their annual wine tasting event.



LTG Sanchez & SSG Schmidt (SSG Schmidt was awarded the Purple Heart)



LTC Kolenda, Michelle Batiste, & Lareina Mikrut (C Co.) Lareina was recognized for her efforts as the FRG Leader for C Co. Edith Floro, Mindy Long, & Daniella Hess were also recognized but not in attendance.

Community Corner

October Events

- 1 Oct: Kitzingen & Wurzburg Town Hall Meetings at 1800
- 1 Oct: Bingo Night at 1730 (Kitzingen Elementary School BLDG 350, MHHA)
- 1 Oct: Bingo Night at 1900 (Geiblestadt Community Center)
- 4 Oct-3 Nov: Beginner German Class M,W,F from 1130-1330 (Contact Leighton ACS)
- 6 Oct: "Staying Connected" Seminar from 0900-1200 (Contact the Chaplain Family Life Center at 0931-889-7273)
- 8 Oct: USAREUR Training Holiday
- 11 Oct: Columbus Day (No school)
- 12-15 Oct: BSB Force Protection Exercise
- 16 Oct: Harvest Fest from 1000-1400 (Kitzingen SAS)
- 18-22 Oct: Free Mammogram Screening (Contact LTC Rem at 0931-804-3757)
- 22-24 Oct: Fall Bizarre, Fri- 1115-1900, Sat- 1000-1900, Sun- 1100-1600 (Harvey Gym)
- 23 Oct: 5th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Run (Leighton helipad)
- 23 Oct: Kitzingen Parents Day Out from 1200-1800 (Contact Central Registration)
- 30 Oct: Trunk-or-Treat (Kitzingen & Gieblestadt)
- 31 Oct: Fall Fest/Safety Day (Leighton)
- 31 Oct: Trunk-or-Treat (Leighton)

Battalion Corner

- *VTC Schedule:** Saturday, 9 Oct (soldiers on FOB Danger)
- Sunday, 10 Oct (soldiers on FOBs Speicher & Warhorse)
- Saturday, 23 Oct (soldiers on FOB Danger)
- Sunday, 24 Oct (soldiers on FOBs Speicher & Warhorse)

VTCs start at 1500 and end at 2000, Germany time. If you are interested in signing up, email Michele Carter. VTC for soldiers on FOB Speicher are from 1500-1720 and for soldiers on FOB Warhorse from 1740-2000. VTC capabilities will be expanded to the other FOBs as soon as they have the technology to do so.

***Walk to Iraq:** If you are participating in the Walk to Iraq program, please ensure that you are emailing your monthly miles to Michele Carter.

***Fall Bizarre:** We will be manning the Nachos/Pretzel booth at the Bizarre. If you are available to work a two hour shift that weekend, please contact Michele Carter.

121 SIG BN Family Questionnaire

1. How would you rate the experiences you have had with the 121 Signal Battalion's Rear Detachment?
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 (poor) (excellent)

Please explain your answer: _____

2. Do you feel that the Rear Detachment has provided family support for you during the deployment?
 YES NO

3. Who do you feel more comfortable calling or emailing when you need something from the Rear Detachment? _____

4. Who do you feel you can turn to your Family Readiness Liaison (FRL) or your Family Readiness Group (FRG) Leader for support? YES NO
 If you answered no, please explain your answer: _____

5. What can we improve as a Rear Detachment? _____

6. What means of communications have been the most helpful in giving you information? _____

7. On a scale from 1 (poor)-10 (excellent), how would you rate the following Battalion activities (please circle the ones you feel we should keep):

Bowling Night Yellow Ribbon Decorating Mini-Boot Camp $\frac{1}{2}$ Way Bash BN Deployment Updates

BN Trips

8. How would you rate the notification process of your spouse coming home for R&R?
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 (poor) (excellent)

9. How would you rate the information flow to you?
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 (poor) (excellent)

10. How would you rate the FRG Bulletin Board; has it been helpful and informative?
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 (poor) (excellent)

11. How would you rate the quality of VTC with your soldier down-range?
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 (poor) (excellent)

12. If there is one thing that you could change about the Rear Detachment, what would it be (please offer a solution the problem)? _____